



July 15 1955

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

An administrative hearing will be held commencing July 25, 1955, and for a period not to exceed two weeks thereafter involving three organizations who are contesting their designation under the Federal employee security program. These organizations are the Independent Socialist League, the Workers Party and the Socialist Youth League and are admitted subscribers to certain facets of the doctrines of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

25X1 The Department had two expert witnesses it had intended to use in this proceeding but as a result of certain unforeseen developments, each of these experts is precluded from appearing. In the course of our survey of the field of Marxist theory, we were given the name of [redacted] of your Office of Training, who has participated as an instructor in the State Department's lectures on Communism.

25X1 [redacted] has been informally contacted by an attorney of this Department concerning his qualifications and willingness to assist this Department as an expert witness. [redacted] has indicated a willingness to cooperate and has requested that the matter be taken up through appropriate channels. I am anxious to explore this matter further with [redacted] and accordingly seek your approval of his possible utilization as an expert witness.

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The matter in issue, whether these organizations were properly designated under the Federal employee security program, is deemed to be of utmost importance to the Department and since it is the first hearing of its kind, might well have a significant effect on the future of this aspect of the security program. In the circumstances, I would appreciate any consideration which you can give to this Department in its efforts to fulfill its responsibilities in this regard.

25X1 I do not believe [redacted] cooperation would be required for a period of more than one week. While the public may be admitted

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to this hearing, it will not be in the nature of a trial but a purely administrative proceeding conducted in a Departmental Hearing Room.

Sincerely,

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